

REMARKS

Claims 17-23 are pending.

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-13, 15 and 16 are canceled without prejudice.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in claim 3. Applicants have cancelled claim 3 in the present response.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action states claims 3 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled in the present response.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action states claims 4 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have cancelled claims 4 and 7 in the present response.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Over FR894348 (Maranesi)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Maranesi. Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been cancelled in the present response.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Over EP 0315729 (Diehl)

Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Diehl. Claims 1, 7 and 10 have been cancelled in the present response

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Over EP 0315729 (Diehl)

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over by Diehl. Applicants have cancelled claim 11 in the present response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note the Office Action has stated claims 17-23 are allowed.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form. In view of the foregoing entry of the amendments presented herein, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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